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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 339 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY McGARRIGLE, KILLION, BROOKS, FONTANA, GREENLEAF,  
MARTIN, DINNIMAN, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, BARTOLOTTA, SABATINA,  
EICHELBERGER, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER, BROWNE,  
FOLMER, FARNESE, AUMENT, HUGHES, COSTA, WHITE, RAFFERTY,  
VULAKOVICH, WARD, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, BAKER AND MENSCH,  
APRIL 24, 2018

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 24, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Blue Star Mothers of  
2 America Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was founded  
4 as a patriotic service organization on February 1, 1942, to  
5 unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States  
6 Armed Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nondiscriminatory and  
8 nonprofit organization was chartered by the Congress of the  
9 United States in 1960; and

10 WHEREAS, Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers  
11 and female legal guardians who have sons or daughters who are  
12 currently serving in the United States military or who are  
13 honorably discharged veterans are eligible for membership in the  
14 organization; and

15 WHEREAS, Family members and friends may become associate  
16 members, and fathers of military personnel or veterans may join

1 the Blue Star Dads' Association; and

2 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,  
3 provides support for active duty service personnel and families,  
4 promotes patriotism and assists various veterans organizations,  
5 including the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, The work of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.,  
7 is increasingly important because of:

8 (1) the hundreds of thousands of United States Armed  
9 Forces men and women who have served in Operation Enduring  
10 Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on  
11 Terrorism; and

12 (2) the ongoing deployments of the Pennsylvania National  
13 Guard and our active duty military and its reserve  
14 components;

15 and

16 WHEREAS, The dedication, sacrifice and hard work of the  
17 devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., merit  
18 recognition; and

19 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag is an official banner authorized  
20 by the Department of Defense to be displayed by families who  
21 have members serving in the United States Armed Forces during a  
22 period of war or hostility in the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1917, the Blue Star Flag was designed and  
24 patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the  
25 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front lines;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The Blue Star Flag quickly became an unofficial  
28 symbol used to represent a child in service; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2018 as  
30 "Blue Star Mothers of America Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all residents of this  
3 Commonwealth to take some time during the month of May 2018 to  
4 honor and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of the Blue  
5 Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and celebrate the history  
7 and contributions of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.; and  
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
10 the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.